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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Peter Ferro, Sr. of Joliet, who passed away on May 11, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Ferro, Sr. was born in Joliet to Mary and Biaggio Ferro on July 11, 1923; he attended McKinley Grade School and Joliet Township High School; after high school, he began his construction career as a water boy with Powers-Thompson Construction Co.; he served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant during World War II in Burma, where he was a combat engineer, building roads and bridges; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Ferro, Sr. returned home from the war and continued his career with Powers-Thompson Construction Company; in 1964, he and his brother, Tony Ferro, started and operated PT Ferro Construction, which became one of the largest construction companies in the region, employing thousands of local residents over the years; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Ferro, Sr. was a longtime member of the Church of St. Anthony and a longtime supporter of Stone City VFW #2199; he helped many individuals, churches, and charities; at the age of 70, he retired, taking up golf and fishing and spending much of the time in Bonita Springs, Florida; on his

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1 88th birthday, he took the Honor Flight from Chicago to
2 Washington D.C., which included visiting the World War II
3 Memorial; and

4 WHEREAS, Peter Ferro, Sr. was preceded in death by his
5 wife, Ruby; his brother and sisters, Tony (Rosella) Ferro, Lena
6 (Rolle) Kurth, and Rosie (Leno) Giacomi; and his
7 sisters-in-law, Elaine (Bob) Ehram and Betty (Don) Hadala; and

8 WHEREAS, Peter Ferro, Sr. is survived by his sons and their
9 wives, Peter (Sharon Matesi), John (Rebecca Martin), and Jim
10 (Ann Keaveney); his grandchildren, Nicholas (Melisa) Ferro,
11 Danielle (Jeff) Weiss, Allison (Matt) Marketti, Monica (Ned)
12 Grabavoy, Vince Ferro, Doug (Angie) Ferro, Veronica Ferro, and
13 Amanda Ferro; 11 great-grandchildren; and his niece, Tavia
14 Westbrook; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Peter Ferro, Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Peter Ferro, Sr. as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.